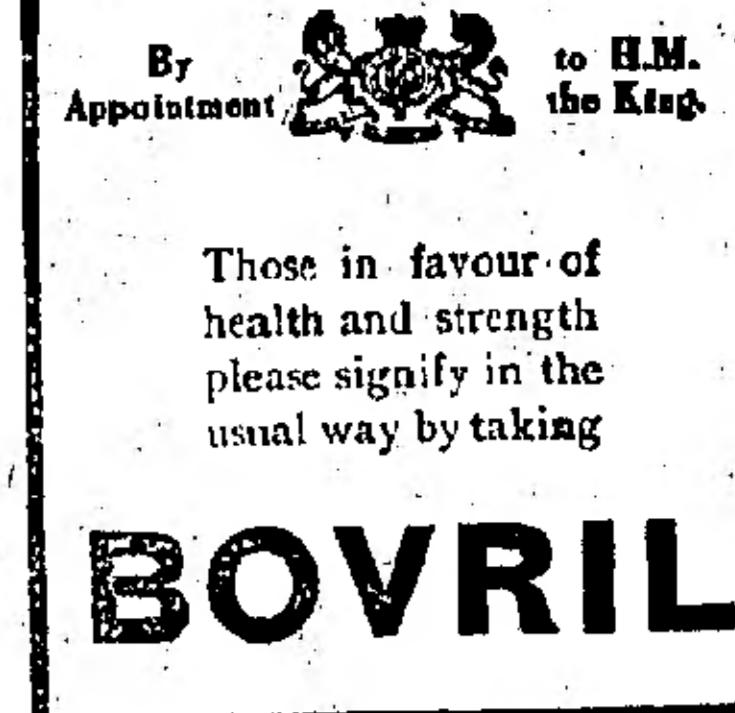


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appointed a Chief Resident Engineer, and the first thing that gentleman did when he came to the Colony in March 1906, was to find fault with the survey that had been made and to alter the alignment to such an extent as to render practically useless what work the Public Works Department had already done at a cost of between twenty and thirty thousand dollars. The original estimate for these twenty-two miles of railway was £500,000, but it is now known that the actual cost will not fall many pounds short of a million sterling. So that this Colony's experience agrees so far with that of Singapore in that (1) the line will take about twice as long to complete as it was at first expected to take; and (2) the line will cost about twice the original estimate. These facts have been already ascertained. Whether the parallel might be further drawn we are not in a position to say, but we may here mention that among other questions asked in a letter which reached us quite recently was one as to whether it is a fact that bed cracks are being found in the bridges, due to faulty foundations. When His Excellency the Governor about a year ago gave in the Legislative Council a history of the railway he mentioned that the Home Government in adopting the departmental system of construction through the medium of the Crown Agent, claims that it saves contractors' profits; that alterations which further examination of the country or enlarged or altered views may render necessary, can at any time be made without liability to contractors which would be incurred if the contract had already been signed. It gives more direct supervision to the Government and gives more discretion as to change. These, said the Governor, are great advantages. No doubt they are, but the point is whether the advantages are as great as they might be if the local Government were left to construct the line. The usual objection to such a course is that the local officials have not had as a rule any experience of building railways, but as Sir FRANK SWETTENHAM told the Committee, it is surely just as easy for the Colony to appoint a chief engineer as it is for the Consulting Engineers. Under the present system the Consulting Engineers who are nominally the Government's technical advisers are actually the constructors of the railway; and the local Government, which pays the bill, has no effective control over the expenditure. His Excellency the Governor himself admitted that the local Government is not in close touch with the consulting engineers and does not correspond directly with them. Mr. HARRIS, one of the members of the Committee which inquired into the organisation of the Crown Agent's Office, said he had had some little experience of the Colonial Office and he could not help thinking that Sir FRANK SWETTENHAM was telling the Committee of a system which was an anomaly. Mr. HARRIS should therefore be interested to learn that the system which he describes as an anomaly is the system under which the British section of the Kowloon-Canton railway is being constructed at the present time with results, in some respects at least analogous to those of the Singapore railway, and it is rather surprising to find no condemnation of this anomalous system in the Report of the Committee. The incredulity with which Sir FRANK SWETTENHAM's statements were received by members of Committee closely associated with the Colonial Office certainly justified the expectation of a pointed reference to the subject in the Report.

This month the Hippodrome Circus and Menagerie is to pay the Colony a visit. Mr. A. Jackson, the advance agent is now in Hongkong making arrangements, and the circus is expected to open at Causeway Bay about the 15th inst. It has been about three years in the East and is at the present time at Saigon.

Further official changes took place yesterday. Mr. J. R. Wood leaving the Magistracy to take up his substantive appointment at the Supreme Court as Deputy Registrar and Appraiser, while Mr. C. D. Melbourne left the Registry of the Supreme Court and returned to his old position as first clerk at the Magistracy.

An interesting speech was delivered by H. E. the Governor at the Legislative Council yesterday when he indicated the improvements that were being effected at the Observatory. In the Finance Committee an appropriation of \$11,060 was passed for compensation to the 26 opium divan keepers whose divans had been closed under the opium restriction instructions of the Home Government.

The suspected larceny of a watch and chain led the police to make inquiries at the second floor of No. 70, Hollywood Road. The stolen property was not found when the house was searched, but it was discovered that the tenant of the floor was a member of the Trind Society. On this charge he appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

A native appeared before Mr. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of snatching an ear pick from a woman in Queen's Road. He denied the charge, informing his Worship that there was no need for him to snatch anything as he had a lot of outstanding debts due, and could collect several tens of dollars at any time. The hearing of the case was adjourned.

How long does the P. W. D. propose to keep the Praya between the Hongkong Club and the Statue Wharf in its present disgraceful state? Stones are landed from the junks and dumped in heaps along the waterfront. On the other side of the road there are more heaps of sand and rubble and a couple of tar boilers, while the side path is obstructed by similar heaps undergoing the tarring process. Only a Government contractor could do these things with impunity, and in this case there is very little excuse for thus monopolising the public thoroughfare.

The Under Secretary of State for the Colonies in a letter to a correspondent dated February 16th said he could not undertake to discuss the question of the policy which His Majesty's Government should pursue with regard to Weihaiwei, and Lord Crewe was unable to admit the justice of the criticism that the Protectorate is neglected by the Imperial Authorities, and that the uncertainty as to the future effectively stops private enterprise from developing. The Colonial Secretary could hardly be expected to admit as much, but it is nevertheless palpable.

THE ROYAL ENTERTAINERS.

The Royal Entertainers, a combination new to Hongkong, but coming here with an excellent reputation inaugurated what is likely to prove a successful season in the colony last night when a good house witnessed their initial performance and formed agreeable impressions of the merit of the company. The programme opened with a musical comedy farce in one act entitled "Behind the Scenes" and introducing vaudeville numbers. There was but little plot to the piece it gave the company plenty of opportunity to display their talents. Mr. Wallner, the German baron made the most of a thankless leading comedy role, while Miss Ferrace shared honors with him as a comedienne in her impersonation of a precocious call boy. Perhaps the most attractive feature of this sketch was the duet between Miss Murray and Mr. Brinkman. Both artists possess excellent voices which have been well trained.

An eccentric dance by Misses Wallace and Robert McGreer, which was entirely out of the ordinary, was greatly appreciated. Mr. McGreer will be remembered by old time residents for his inimitable performance as the jockey in "Lord and Lady Aly" when that piece was produced in Hongkong several years ago by the Neill Frawley company.

The second part of the performance was devoted to vaudeville and an interesting programme was presented, the principal number being Miss Ferrace's singing of her own compositions, the dancing of the Williams Sisters and the ladies quartette which consisted of the Misses Wallace, Ruby Chrystal, Ferrace and Murray. Mr. Brinkman pleased with his rendering of Kipling's "On the Road to Mandalay," which has been set to such bewitching music by Cobb. His rich baritone voice admirably suited the piece. Miss Murray caught the wit with a character song "At the Play" while Miss Wallace added to the variety of the programme with a catchy comic turn. Miss Ruby Chrystal, Ferrace and Murray, who possessed a clear robust contralto voice rendered several ballads to the taste of those present. The dancing of Miss McGreer and Anna Chrystal was very graceful and this together with several acrobatic turns made the programme one of great variety and interest.

To-night the company will present a change of programme, the feature being a novelty song entitled the "Choir Girl."

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The H.-A. Linio str. *Jlyria* left Shanghai on the 31st ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 3rd inst.

The J.-C.-J. Lijn str. *Tiliwang* left Moji for this port on the 31st ultimo p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst. a.m.

The N.G.I. str. *Ichia* left Singapore for this port on the 31st ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 7th inst.

The Indo-China str. *Namzing* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 30th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 15th inst.

The Appear str. *Artisan* Appear from Yokohama; Kobe and Moji left Moji on the 1st afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 6th inst.

Two charges of returning from banishment were heard at the Magistracy yesterday. One native who appeared before Mr. J. H. Kemp was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and three hours' stocks, while the offender who was charged before Mr. Hazeland was committed to jail for six months and ordered to be exposed in the stocks for six hours.

TELEGRAMS.

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A JAPANESE COMPLIMENT.

TOKYO, April 1st.
Prince Fushimi has been appointed as a special envoy to the obsequies of the deceased Emperor and Dowager Empress of China.

BASELESS REPORTS.

TOKYO, April 1st.
Peking officials state that the reports that China is proposing arbitration and that Japan is refusing are groundless.

FAMOUS TEMPLE DESTROYED.

TOKYO, April 1st.
Jojoji, the famous temple at Shiba, has been destroyed by fire and damage amounting to a million yen has been done.

THE STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHISTS IN PARIS.

Normal telegraphic communication with Paris and the North of France is now re-established, the strike of telegraphists since the 18th ult., being now ended.

EIGHT DREADNOUGHTS DEMANDED.

LONDON, March 31st.
An enthusiastic meeting held at the Guildhall passed a resolution urging the immediate construction of eight Dreadnoughts.

The audience tumultuously cheered Mr. Balfour's arguments in favour of the demand.

The meeting adopted a resolution proposed by Lord Rothschild pledging itself to give financial support for the increased naval programme.

THE NAVY DEBATES.

ACRIMONIOUS POLEMICS IN THE GERMAN PRESS.

LONDON, March 31st.
The Navy debates in the House of Commons and in the Reichstag are producing rather acrimonious polemics in the German Press which is jubilating over the Austro-German success in the Balkans and takes exception to Sir Edward Gray's declaration that the attempt of a single Continental Power to dominate the policy of the Continent will inevitably cause a conflict.

The official newspaper the "Fremdenblatt" announces that Austria will maintain her forces on their present footing in view of the Anglo-French shrews of revenge.

BRITISH REVENUE RETURNS.

LONDON, April 1st.
The Revenue returns for the quarter show an increase of £70,208, but on the whole year there is a decrease of £4,950,395.

JAPAN AND GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, April 1st.
Sir T. Kato, K.C.M.G., the Japanese Ambassador to London, was the chief guest last night at a dinner given by the Naval Architects.

His Excellency emphasised that Japanese interests were identical with those of Great Britain.

LORD KITCHENER COMING EAST.

LONDON, April 1st.
It is reported that Lord Kitchener will vacate the Office of Commander-in-Chief in India in September and will proceed home via China and Japan, and will avail himself of the opportunity of attending the Japanese Army manoeuvres.

FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."

CHINA'S NAVAL ANTICIPATIONS.

PEKING, April 1st.
The Peking Government have wired to the Chinese Minister at Tokyo asking him to consult the

Japanese Government with a view to admitting more students into the Japanese naval college.

CIGARETTE SMOKING IN CHINA.

PEKING, April 1st.
The Powers have refused to allow China to impose heavier taxation on cigarettes.

[This is the outcome of a proposition made some time ago by a Chinese official that increased duties be levied with a view to stopping the importation of cigarettes in China, the smoking of which was a great evil.]

CHINESE REFORMERS.

PEKING, April 1st.
Li King Hi, the newly appointed Viceroy of Yunnan and Kwachow, has requisitioned the Throne to forgive the reformers Kang Yu Wei and Liang Kai Chau. The Prince Regent has refused.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY—I have the honour to lay on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 10, 11 and 12, and to move that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

THE COLONIAL TREASURER—seconded.

His Excellency said—Gentlemen, with regard to Financial Minute No. 12, you will see that it embodies a resolution by the Council to spend a certain sum for the Observatory. You will recall that in September last when the Estimates were introduced I promised the Council that I would instruct the Director of the Observatory to visit Manila with a view to comparing our instruments with theirs and in order to get into touch with the Director of the Manila Observatory. Since that date I have been able to inform the Council that by the courtesy of the American Government in the Philippine Islands we hope that a wireless telegraphy station will be established at Santo Domingo da Boso which will be of great value to us, and also that the Admiral commanding the Fleet in these waters has promised that men-of-war cruising in the neighbouring waters shall communicate any observations that may be of use in forecasting storms. I propose to say in connection with this financial minute in explanation to the Council of the visit which has been paid by the Director of our Observatory to Manila that on February 16th, as soon as his annual return was completed, he started for Manila and remained there until the 23rd February. Every day during his stay he visited the Observatory. I need hardly say that he was received with the utmost courtesy by Father Algue who placed his entire time at his disposal during his residence in the Islands. The Manila Observatory, Mr. Figge informs me, costs about \$145,000 per annum to maintain, and the staff consists of one director, three assistant directors, a secretary and librarian, and ten native observers, calculators, draughtsmen, and mechanics. There are some forty out stations in the archipelago connected with headquarters. Some of them report three times a day, some twice a day, in the ordinary observation hours between six a.m. and seven p.m. Father Algue agreed that the primary object in view for improving the information regarding typhoon warnings is that there should be as many stations as possible and the creation, if possible, of more stations and the more frequent despatch of observations from existing stations. In this connection he promised to send extra observations from other stations in the Philippines whenever the station at Aparsi should be interrupted, which unfortunately frequently occurs. He also said he would send any information which might be useful in the determination of the position of typhoon centres. Mr. Figge, on his part, informed me, costs about \$145,000 per annum to maintain, and the staff consists of one director, three assistant directors, a secretary and librarian, and ten native observers, calculators, draughtsmen, and mechanics. 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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
BENALDEN, British str., 1,959. A. Tough, 1st April—Singapore 26th March, General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
HAICHI, Chinese cruiser, 3,400, Shen, 31st March—Shanghai.
HAIYING, Chinese cruiser, 3,400, Lin, 31st March—Shanghai.
HAKATA MARU, Japanese str., 3,820, T. Murai, 1st April—Singapore 26th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
HANGSANG, British str., 1,356. S. Wilde, 1st April—Shanghai 27th March, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
KIANO PING, Chinese str., 1,222, Udden, 1st April—Chinkiang 27th March, General—Chinese.
MARTHILDE, German str., 831. A. P. Uldeap, 1st April—Haiphong and Hoihow 31st March, Rice and Pigs—Johsen & Co.
PEKING, Swedish str., 2,217. G. Petersson, April 1st—Singapore 27th March, General—Order.
THINTAU, German str., 1,002, Bueking, 31st March—Bangkok 22nd March, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
WAKAMIVA MARU, Japanese str., 3,437. T. Yamawaki, 1st April—Boulogne via Singapore 24th March, General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

1st April.
Haitau, British str., for Swatow.
Helene, German str., for Shanghai.
Lian, British str., for Shanghai.
Peking, Swedish str., for Shanghai.
Triumph, Ger. str., for Hoihow.

DEPARTURES.

1st April.
ANHUI, British str., for Canton.
ARIAD MARU, Japanese str., for Kuchinotzu.
BELGRAVIA, German str., for Shanghai.
CHOYSANG, British str., for Amoy.
GLENFALLOCH, British str., for Canton.
HANGHANG, British str., for Canton.
INDRANI, British str., for Shanghai.
KIANGNING, Chinese str., for Canton.
MANDASAR MARU, Jap. str., for Kuchinotzu.
SPEZZA, German str., for Hamburg.
TANGSANG, British str., for Shanghai.
YATMING, British str., for Canton.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. *Tsinlau* reports: Strong N.E. monsoon during voyage.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

April 1st.
ABERDEEN DOCK.—
KOWLOON DOCK.—*Parlae*, Dilly, Shandee,
Empress of Japan, H.M.S. *Merton*.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & CO.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELHI	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SUMATRA	FRITZ	Brit. str.	k. w.	E. W. Bruce	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 14th inst.
LIBERIA	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	Knaisel	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	About Middle of May.
NICOMEDIA	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	Müller	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 28th inst.
JULYRIA	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	Kotze	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 5th inst.
AMBIA	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	Doinat	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 20th inst.
SILESIA	GER.	Ger. str.	k. w.	v. Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 13th May.
GLAMORGANSHIRE	FR.	str.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	ABOUT 10th inst.	About 10th inst.
CALEDONIAN	FR.	str.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 13th inst., at 1 P.M.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MAURITIUS	JAP.	str.	—	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 14th inst., at D'light	About 14th inst.
TEANQUEBAR	JAP.	str.	k. w.	Wm. Wade	On 28th inst., at D'light	About Middle of April.
KANAGAWA MARU	GER.	str.	—	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 3rd May.	On 3rd May.
BRIEGAVIA	JAP.	str.	—	Schwinghamer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINIE	On 7th inst.
ATUTA MARU	JAP.	str.	—	W. Thompson	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 14th inst.
AMERICA MARU	GER.	str.	—	F. Binzer	TOYO KIRIN KAISHA	On 27th inst.
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DACRE CASTLE	BRIT. str.	—	2 m.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th May, at Noon.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 8th inst.
VANCOUVER	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 13th inst., at Noon.
MONTAGE	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTIE	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 16th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JAP.	str.	—	—	On 29th inst., at 10 A.M.	On 9th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JAP.	str.	—	—	On 14th May, at Noon.	On 14th May, at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JAP.	str.	—	—	TO-YOKOHAMA KAISHA	TO-day, at 5 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	JAP.	str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ABOUT 3rd inst.
TIENSIN	BRIT. str.	—	—	Y. Yamawaki	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 14th inst., at Noon.
CHINKIANG	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 4th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI MOJI & KOBE	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 10th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 5th inst., at D'light
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 5th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 6th inst., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 6th inst., at Noon.
CHONGSHING	BRIT. str.	—	1 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ABOUT 7th inst.
HUICHOW	BRIT. str.	—	1 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 8th inst., at 4 P.M.
WUHU	BRIT. str.	—	1 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ABOUT 9th inst.
WAKAMITA MARU	JAP.	str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 11th inst., at D'light
ANHUI	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 12th inst., at P.M.
HANGSANG	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 15th inst.
YATMING	BRIT. str.	—	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 15th inst., at 4 P.M.
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BUELLOW	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
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PERA	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 28th inst.
CHENAN	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 29th inst.
TONKIN	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 30th inst.
SILESIA	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 31st inst.
LINAN	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 1st May.
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CANTON	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 3rd May.
NAMSANG	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 4th May.
SCANDIA	BRIT. str.	—	1 m.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 5th May.
TIJIPANAS	BRIT. str.	—	2 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 6th May.
DAIJIN MARU	BRIT. str.	—	2 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 7th May.
HAITAN	BRIT. str.	—	2 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 8th May.
HAIYANG	BRIT. str.	—	2 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 9th May.
LOONGSANG	BRIT. str.	—	2 h.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	ON 10th May.
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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN & MELCHERS & CO., Agents. Hongkong, 31st March, 1909.	"BORENO"	Capt. F. Semill	Saturday, 3rd April, at 9 A.M.	"TONKIN"	Capt. Charbonnel	On 12th April, P.M.
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our instrument could be very greatly improved by fitting it to its velocity gear, a cheap chronograph in order to measure the wind velocity at short intervals by the aid of an electric current. We propose to adapt that to our existing instrument. This suggestion was made by Mr. Hunt, who is the meteorological expert of the Commonwealth Government, and has been visiting during the last eight months the principal observatories of America, Europe and India in order to see their instruments and, if possible, to see whether the instruments in Australia could in any way be improved. He spent a day in Hongkong at the end of January and Mr. Figg was able to obtain valuable information of exactly the nature we were seeking. The Manila Observatory has a Spring-Fuerz barograph which registers mechanically instead of photographically as ours does. It is of advantage as the mechanical register records are immediately available. Mr. Figg tells me it would be a convenience but would add nothing to our ability to forecast storms and since it costs about \$2,000 it is not proposed to type it. On the main principle of forecasting himself in complete to say that Mr. Figg finds

The CHAIRMAN—I have tried to explain to members that the loss will be calculated as from March 1st, 1910, on the letting of the new contract.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—That is the difficulty. How is the loss to be calculated? You can only tell what the new farm may bring. This is a definite loss.

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—There is no harm in noting it down.

The CHAIRMAN—We know it is an actual loss. Still it is a very small thing.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—The principle is a very important one, and the loss before we come into it will be very serious. I think the Colonial Treasurer is quite right in raising the question at this time. There ought to be a preliminary protest as the action has been forced upon us by the Imperial Parliament against our wish and we believe to the detriment of the Colony at large.

The CHAIRMAN—The question will come up when we let the new farm. We will then know how much the letting value has been diminished. I have no doubt, as his Excellency has informed the Council, we will receive every consideration from the Home Government. It only complicates the matter, this small matter, as it was understood we would not press a case of this kind.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT—We look to the Home Government and expect liberal compensation, but it does not follow that we will get it unless we make a protest at once.

The CHAIRMAN—I think His Majesty's Government understand that. However, I will inform His Excellency of what hon. members have said.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) in aid of the vote, Medical Department, A—Staff, Other Charges, Health Officer of Port, Boat's Crew and Messenger.

OBSEVATORY VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$950) in aid of the vote, Observatory, Laboratory Expenses for purchase of Anemograph and Chronograph.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET NOTES.

The League competition is nearly over. "B" team have beaten the Civil Service, who have been running them so close for the shield, and the matches on the board for the "B" should prove a win in each case. They have to play the "A" team twice and the Telegraphs once. Had they met their Club rivals in the earlier stages, when the fleet gave the latter such useful players as Mullinix and Maundrell, the result might have looked doubtful, but barring accidents the "A" team, minus the Naval contingent are not strong enough to beat the "B" combination.

Should, however, the "A's" be successful in one match and draw in the other, the Civils will be again level for first place, in which case another interesting match might be witnessed, such as delighted the spectators on the Club ground last Saturday. The "B" team playing an uphill game all the way won from the Civils by one run with the last man in, and the light was so bad that the batsman had to guess to a certain extent where the ball was coming.

Can you make out any statement as to what you have been spending on yourself during the last two years?—This year I spent more money because after November 1907 I started drinking. I did not know how many dollars I spent. You have been spending a lot of money?—During the first year my pocket expenses were \$100 a month. You kept no account?—No.

It might have been \$1,000 for all you know?—No, not so much.

Debtors asked why he drew out cheques to bearer, said that sometimes they were for other people and sometimes for his pocket expenses.

Some of the cheques paid to Moosa were after the bankruptcy and those had been paid to the Official Receiver.

Can you make out any statement as to what you have been spending on yourself during the last two years?—This year I spent more money because after November 1907 I started drinking.

I don't know. Before I never drank. After November I was always thinking about my cagars.

You know you have been spending considerable sums, in drinking and other things?—At morning time I was very sorry but at night time I did not know how many dollars I was spending.

Where did you get the money from?—Selling the cargo in the shop in business.

Have you been in the habit of frequenting disorderly houses?—Yes.

You spent a lot of money there?—Yes.

Have you any family dependent upon you?—No.

Mr. Scott Harston, who appeared for Messrs. J. D. Hutchison and Company, questioned the debtor.

When did you first know you were insolvent?—At the last moment when every creditor wished to take money.

Do you recall having an interview with Mr. Pearce of Messrs. J. D. Hutchison and Company in October last when you assured him you were solvent?—No.

Do you deny that you had the interview and that you said that?—I told him nothing.

If Mr. Pearce says you said you were solvent and it was in consequence of that statement he allowed you to have \$3,000 worth of goods, he is not speaking the truth?—He came to my shop and asked me to give him an order and I gave him an order.

He never inquired, although your case was reported in the papers, into your solvency?—The case was published in the newspapers and he asked me if I was going into bankruptcy and I said no.

You say you had no such conversation. I put it to you that you made a deliberate false statement to obtain \$3,000 worth of goods?—I deny it. You sold this business of yours before the bankruptcy?—Yes.

You were not then really the owner. You had not paid for it?—Yes, I was the owner.

Had you paid for it?—No.

You know as a matter of fact that the promissory notes you had given for this business were held by the National Bank of China?—Yes.

Hypothesized to them for the purpose of financing Moosa E. Vieira who were hypothecated to the Bank some very fine pearls valued at several hundred dollars which had evidently formed part of a necklace. They were pawned for only \$3. It is believed that they belong to Mrs. Mead, but it will be very difficult for her to identify them in their detached condition.

The CHAIRMAN—No, these terms do not come into operation until the beginning of the next year. This is a matter of small compensation.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—It is the direct result of the action taken by the Home Government.

The CHAIRMAN—I don't think we will squabble over an item of \$11,000. We are not so hard up as all that yet.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—It might be noted, however. By and bye we shall be presenting our bill.

The CHAIRMAN—That does not come until we let the new farm. This obligation will be discharged by the Colony.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—It would be included as part of the loss.

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SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, April 1st.

IN BANKRUPTCY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (Sir FRANCIS PIGGOT).

S. E. ALANA'S AFFAIRS.

S. E. Alana appeared for his public examination.

Debtor in reply to the Official Receiver, said he was the late proprietor of S. E. Alana and Company, drapers, 1a D'Aguilar Street, which he started in December 1906 when he bought it from S. M. Barroso for about \$15,000.

It was less than \$15,000 and more than \$14,000. He could not remember the exact amount. It was paid in instalments of \$400 a month and those he paid up till the time he filed his petition.

He had no capital when he started except \$1,000 worth of jewelry. He had no partners. He thought he made a profit in the first year. The only books he kept were a customers' ledger. He did not keep a cash book.

By the Court:—Why not?—Because I had no partners.

Debtor said he had a banking account at the Yokohama Specie Bank which he opened in 1907. Prior to that he had an account at the International Bank which was closed. On November 7th he paid into the Yokohama Bank \$3,000 which Moosa Vieira asked him to keep for him.

Moosa handed him \$8,000 to keep for him, \$5,000 of which he placed in the Dutch Bank. This account was closed.

Rather an extraordinary thing to give you \$8,000 to keep, wasn't it? Was there any agreement?—No agreement.

Were you to keep it as long as you pleased?—No, until he wanted it.

Did you pay it back to him?—Yes.

In the month following you paid \$6,000 into the Yokohama Specie Bank?—I drew it from the Dutch Bank and paid it into the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Debtor explained with regard to another cheque that he had bought a draft for \$500 at the instance of Moosa in order to make a little on the exchange. Moosa had no interest in the business; but he sold goods to debtor on commission. Debtor thought he made more than \$2,000 in the first year.

What were your personal expenses?—During the first year my pocket expenses were \$100 a month.

You kept no account?—No.

It might have been \$1,000 for all you know?—No, not so much.

Debtors asked why he drew out cheques to bearer, said that sometimes they were for other people and sometimes for his pocket expenses. Some of the cheques paid to Moosa were after the bankruptcy and those had been paid to the Official Receiver.

Can you make out any statement as to what you have been spending on yourself during the last two years?—This year I spent more money because after November 1907 I started drinking.

I don't know. Before I never drank. After November I was always thinking about my cagars.

You know you have been spending considerable sums, in drinking and other things?—At morning time I was very sorry but at night time I did not know how many dollars I was spending.

Where did you get the money from?—Selling the cargo in the shop in business.

Have you been in the habit of frequenting disorderly houses?—Yes.

You spent a lot of money there?—Yes.

Have you any family dependent upon you?—No.

Mr. Scott Harston, who appeared for Messrs. J. D. Hutchison and Company, questioned the debtor.

When did you first know you were insolvent?—At the last moment when every creditor wished to take money.

Do you recall having an interview with Mr. Pearce of Messrs. J. D. Hutchison and Company in October last when you assured him you were solvent?—No.

Do you deny that you had the interview and that you said that?—I told him nothing.

If Mr. Pearce says you said you were solvent and it was in consequence of that statement he allowed you to have \$3,000 worth of goods, he is not speaking the truth?—He came to my shop and asked me to give him an order and I gave him an order.

He never inquired, although your case was reported in the papers, into your solvency?—The case was published in the newspapers and he asked me if I was going into bankruptcy and I said no.

You say you had no such conversation. I put it to you that you made a deliberate false statement to obtain \$3,000 worth of goods?—I deny it. You sold this business of yours before the bankruptcy?—Yes.

You were not then really the owner. You had not paid for it?—Yes, I was the owner.

Had you paid for it?—No.

You know as a matter of fact that the promissory notes you had given for this business were held by the National Bank of China?—Yes.

Hypothesized to them for the purpose of financing Moosa E. Vieira who were hypothecated to the Bank some very fine pearls valued at several hundred dollars which had evidently formed part of a necklace. They were pawned for only \$3. It is believed that they belong to Mrs. Mead, but it will be very difficult for her to identify them in their detached condition.

The CHAIRMAN—No, these terms do not come into operation until the beginning of the next year. This is a matter of small compensation.

The COLONIAL TREASURER—It is the direct result of the action taken by the Home Government.

The CHAIRMAN—I don't think we will squabble over an item of \$11,000. We are not so hard up as all that yet.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—It might be noted, however. By and bye we shall be presenting our bill.

The CHAIRMAN—That does not come until we let the new farm. This obligation will be discharged by the Colony.

Hon. Dr. HO KAI—It would be included as part of the loss.

With regard to this money which you say Moosa E. Vieira gave you to keep for him. You knew he was in difficulties at that time?—Yes.

You knew that shortly afterwards he went bankrupt?—Yes.

Why didn't you inform the Official Receiver about this money?—He was not bankrupt when he gave me the money.

He was bankrupt before you delivered up the money?—Yes.

You knew he was bankrupt and you took no steps to give up the money?—He told me to keep it as it is.

Do you call that honest?—He told me to keep it as it is.

Do you call that honest on your part?—I can't say.

I suggest to you that the whole of these drawings of yours and this complication with Moosa E. Vieira was a system of jugglery?—No, it was not.

Why didn't you draw the cheques in an honest way with the man's name on them?—Well he asked me to give him cash.

You have not kept proper books of account?—Only a ledger.

You have been guilty of extravagance in living?—I did not know it at that time.

The public examination was closed.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (Sir F. PIGGOT).

ROBINSON PIANO COMPANY V. MADAME FLINT.

The hearing of argument in this action was continued. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by Mr. Holt, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Sir Henry Berkley, K.C., instructed by Mr. Steavenson of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon, appeared for the defendant.

At the conclusion of the argument,

His Lordship, in giving judgment, said he did not think he could accept the suggestion which had been made with regard to the terms of the letters by defendant. He had to look at the intention of the parties in the series of correspondence and it was clear to his mind that they had agreed after a series of written discussions as to what the principal terms were on which the lease was going to be taken out. Then came a final remark by defendant that if plaintiffs instructed their solicitors to prepare a draft lease

Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon would approve of the same. The question he had to settle was: Is this an agreement subject or dependent upon terms to be approved by the solicitors or does it simply mean that terms have been agreed to and that the agreement has to be drafted?

He thought it was not an agreement subject and dependent upon certain terms which would ultimately be approved by solicitors, but that terms had been agreed to by the parties and that these were to be drafted by the solicitors. By

him he meant that so far as the parties were concerned they had settled all they had to say

and, if there was any question for the solicitors to see to, those matters must be settled between themselves.

He was sorry that the case had come into Court because it did not admit of

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Swallow, Amoy and Foochow	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 11:00 A.M.
Hainan	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 1:00 P.M.
Triumph	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 1:15 P.M.
Sui Tai	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 2:00 P.M.
Chidlar	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 3:00 P.M.
Loonsong	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 3:00 P.M.
Wakamiya Maru	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 4:00 P.M.
Kakata Maru	Helene	Friday, 2nd, 4:00 P.M.
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2550	2850
3300	3500
3400	3600
3500	3750
4200	4400

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

TO-MORROW.
Twentieth Ordinary Annual Meeting, Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., 11:30 a.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Eugen* left Manila on the 31st ult. at 6 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Apur str. Japan from Calcutta left Singapore on the 28th ultimo, and may be expected here to-day.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* left Vancouver on the 25th ultimo p.m. for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. str. *Korea* sailed from Yokohama on the 27th ultimo for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due here on the 7th inst.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. *Buelow* carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 10th ult., left Colombo on the 28th ult. p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 8th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The N.Y.K. str. *Takasaki Maru*, (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 27th ult., and is expected here to-day.

The C.N.C. str. *Tsun* left Manila on the 30th ult., and is due here to-morrow.

THE C.N.C. str. *Chihi* left Haiphong on the 30th ult., and is due here to-morrow.

The C.N.C. str. *Glenroy* left Singapore on the 28th ultimo, and may be expected to arrive here to-morrow.

The C.N.C. str. *Changsha* left Sydney on the 10th ult., and is due here on the 4th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Tango Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 26th ultimo, and is expected here on the 4th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Atsuma Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 27th ultimo, and is expected here on the 5th inst.

The J.C.J. Lijn str. *Tijpan* left Haiphong on the 28th ultimo, and may be expected here on or about the 4th instant, and will leave for Shanghai on or about the 8th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kureishima Maru*, (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 26th ult., and is expected here on the 16th inst.

SUBSIDARY COINS.

per cent
Chinese 10 cents pieces.....\$0.05 discount.

Chinese 10 ".....\$0.05 "

Hongkong 10 ".....\$0.40 "

Hongkong 10 ".....\$0.60 "

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate \$11.35
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael.....\$50.50
BAD SILVER, per oz.....23.4

OPPIUM.

April 1st.

Quotations are:

Malwa New.....\$1,070/1,080 per picul.

Malwa Old.....\$1,090/1,100 "

Malwa Older.....\$1,110/1,140 "

Malwa Old.....\$1,150/1,185 "

Parisian fine quality.....\$1,020/1,050 "

Persian extra fine.....\$850/900 per chest.

Patna New.....\$930 " per chest.

Patna Old.....\$960 "

Benares New.....\$945 "

Benares Old....."

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per *Hansang*, from Shanghai, Mr Archibald, Per *Mathilde*, from Haiphong, Mr Fregille and family.

Per *Hakata Maru*, from London, &c., for Hongkong, Mr and Mrs G. E. Sinclair, Mr and Mrs Hallaway, Mrs Iwazaki, Mrs Honda and child, Misses F. V. Cunningham and L. M. Scott, Messrs H. March, V. S. Cox, F. W. Edwards, Wm. Dobbs and Samuel Foy; for Y. Kohama, Captain and Mrs H. Day, Miss Elizabeth, Vonle, Misses S. Lins, A. C. Kemble, K. Siga, K. Hayakawa, K. Takahashi, H. Fujii and L. Romancette.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per *Bacchus* is due on the 7th April—Mr and Mrs W. Brewin, Dr. and Mrs P. Merkling, Mrs C. H. Hall and Mr A. Velgashen.

Per P. E. Friedrich is due on the 5th May—Miss MacHaffie, Messrs A. C. Latz, S. E. Seymier, D. MacHaffie and H. Engster.

Per *Luetow* is due on the 19th May—Miss L. Enid and Lieut. Schuveckel.

MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTRY.

April 1st.

Barometer 9 A.M. 30.10 Therm. (Weitbul) 9 A.M. 63

Barometer 1 P.M. 30.03 Therm. (Weitbul) 1 P.M. 63

Barometer 4 P.M. 30.00 Therm. (Weitbul) 4 P.M. 64

Thermom. 9 A.M. 68 Therm. Maximum67

Thermom. 1 P.M. 67 Therm. Minimum over night.....64

THE MUCH-TALKED-ABOUT VIRGINIA CIGARETTE.

THE

"GARRICK."

THE STANDARD QUALITY OF ALL HIGH-CLASS VIRGINIA CIGARETTES WAS RAISED WHEN THE BRAND "GARRICK" WAS PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF CIGARETTE CONNOISSEURS BY MESSRS. LAMBERT & BUTLER.

FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 1ST, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
Alhambra, Limited	300	Ps. 200	Ps. 200	Nominal
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$236.
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	\$51, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	\$10	buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$5.
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.30, sellers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewe Cotton Spinn'g. & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 92.
Laot-Kung-Mow C. Spin & Weav. Co., Ltd	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 102.
Soy Cheo Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 360.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$72	86	\$14, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$49, buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$80	buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	\$93	buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 165.
Fenwick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$12, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.30, sellers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	all	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$19, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	all	\$175, sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$100	Nominal
Hongkong Milling Co., Ltd. (in Liquidation)	10,000	\$100	\$100	\$24.
Hongkong Rose Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$24.
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1875.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$106.
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$85.		